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## **FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS**

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments yesterday. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

### **NEW GLARUS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Gary Prideaux-Wentz, 56, of New Glarus, Wisconsin, is charged with possessing compact discs which contained visual depictions involving the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. The indictment alleges that he possessed the compact discs on February 2, 2006.

This case has been brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

If convicted, Prideaux-Wentz faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Przybylinski Finn.

### **MADISON MAN FACES COCAINE CHARGES**

Jack Stamm, 51, of Madison, Wisconsin, is charged with two counts of distribution

of cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. The indictment alleges that Stamm distributed cocaine on November 13 and November 20, 2006, and possessed cocaine on November 22, 2006.

If convicted, Stamm faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. The charges against Stamm are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

### **CALIFORNIA MAN FACES MARIJUANA CHARGES**

Scott T. Swanson, 26, of Eureka, California, is charged in a two-count indictment with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute marijuana, and with possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy operated from January 2006 to April 13, 2007, and that it involved 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. The indictment further alleges that Swanson possessed marijuana with intent to distribute on April 13.

If convicted, Swanson faces a maximum penalty of not less than five years and not more than 40 years in federal prison. The charges against him are the result of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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